

Abstract of the Disclosure

A collapsible and expandable stent includes a body segment, first and second terminal ends spaced apart from each other, a substantially smooth wall and a lumen extending between the first and second ends. The device can be used for maintaining the patency of the prostatic urethra in a male patient. The stent may be designed according to the individual needs of particular patients. A delivery system for deploying the stent and other collapsible and expandable stents in the body of the patient comprises a retractable sheath, a shaft and a locking element to reversibly lock the sheath to the shaft.

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